

SARL NEWS SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2004

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In the news today.

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items. Also, at your convenience, visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office, which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00, at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

Having said this we must however bring to the attention of all subscribers and listeners that the SARL office will be closed during this holiday season from 15 December to 7 January. We trust Vee will enjoy this little break.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are listening to ZS6SRL the news follows in detail.

TOP SCORER IN RAE

Congratulations to M S Osman, ZR1SSB, from Parow in the Western Cape. He is the top scorer in the recent RAE, as well as top scorer for the year. M S thus receives one of the two Kenwood TH-F7E Dual Band handsets provided by Global Communication, the Kenwood importer. Congratulations!!

SEPTEMBER SARL VHF CONTEST RESULTS

The contest committee received the most logs for this contest in years, and things sure are heating up in preparation for next year's contest with many clubs participating in the field station category. A reminder to all that next year's contest will see some rule changes and digital modes will be included.

For the first time a VHF digital contest ran in parallel to the normal contest. These results are also announced.

These results will become official after 14 days if no objections are received. Congratulations to all winning stations and runners up and thanks to all the old and new participants.

Point scores are:

Multi Operator Field Station:

ZS6MRK 4 269; ZS6PTA 2 171,5; ZS6STN 1 618,5; ZS6WAB 805; ZS4SRK 354.

Single Operator Multi Mode:

ZR6ZL 502; ZS5LEE 182; ZS6GZ 173; ZS6AVP 165; ZS6AFG 163.

Single Operator FM only:

ZS4BFN 139; ZS5GMW 96.

Digital Contest Results:

ZS6WB 82 882; ZS5Y 41 538; ZS6PTA 26 421; ZS6WAB 18 917.

A check log was received from ZS6KO.

50 MHz WORLD-WIDE STANDINGS

From the December QST issue the following 50 MHz world-wide standings:

ZS6WB has worked 137 DXCC entities and 632 grid squares; ZS6NK has worked 119 DXCC entities and 373 grid squares.

Top scorer SV1DH worked 228 DXCC entities and SM7FJE worked 1 085 grid squares.

ZS6NK has so far made the second longest 6 m contact - 19 360 km, just beaten by EH7KW who managed a distance of 19 910 km, only 550 km further.

Congratulations to Hal and Paul for their wonderful performances.

SARL HF FIELD DAY LOGS

To date the contest committee has received Field Day logs from ZS6XT/P4, ZS5NK and ZS4BFN/P.

Please send your logs to zs4bs@netactive.co.za or by snail mail to Dennis Green, Box 12104, Brandhof, 9324.

LICENCE UPGRADE FEE CLARIFICATION

A fee of R50 will be charged for issuing a certificate that states that an amateur has successfully passed an assessment that will allow him/her to upgrade to a ZS call sign.

In the case of SARL members, this fee will be waived and the member will be assisted to obtain a ZS-call from ICASA.

Amateurs who are not members of the SARL, and who have successfully passed an assessment to upgrade to a ZS-call, will receive a certificate upon payment of the R50 fee, but will have to apply to ICASA direct to upgrade their call to ZS.

Apparently ICASA charges R100 for the change in call sign, and R27 for the new license.

NEXT PRESIDENT'S NET TO AIR ON 19 DECEMBER

The next President's net will be on the air on Sunday 19 December at 19:00 CAT. SARL President Graham Hartlett will discuss some of the activities planned for 2005. Clubs are invited to join the net and share some of their plans for the coming year. The SARL President's net is an ideal platform to share ideas and to get information on the SARL, its activities and on amateur radio in general. To link a repeater please send an email to armi@sarl.org.za with the telephone number to be linked, the frequency on which the repeater operates and its coverage area.

OAKDALE CLUB END OF YEAR PARTY AND FLEA MARKET.

The Oakdale ARC will be holding its end of year bash on Saturday 11th December at the Oakdale club complex.

There will be a flea market for which tables will be provided on a first come first served basis, braai facilities, a restaurant providing a wide variety of cooked meals and a bar service.

There is also a swimming pool, adjacent to the braai and flea market area, to keep the children happy.

Oakdale ARC extends an invitation to all radio amateurs who are in the Western Cape at the time, to attend this function. The club will be open to visitors from 12:30 and the flea market will be open for business from 13:00.

CENTURION RAC DRAW RESULT

On Saturday 27 November the President of the SARL, Graham Hartlett, and his spouse handled the draw of the TR48 transceiver on behalf of Centurion Radio Amateur Club. The lucky number drawn was that of Pine Pienaar, ZS6GST. Thanks to every one who participated and thus contributed to the Centurion Radio Amateur Club's funds.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Kobus, ZS6KOB, reported that propagation conditions remained virtually constant during the past week - it improved only slightly. Conditions were generally bad. The sunspot number was 56,7 on Thursday as against 52,3 of the previous week. On 29 November it was 40 for only a short period. Sun activity was weak with only a few active areas on the sun's surface. No mentionable corona

openings are expected for the following few days. Despite this some good openings were experienced during the past week, but it was really one of very few activities.. The prediction for this week is that conditions will again be weak.

DIARY OF EVENTS

11 - 12 December, PEARS' "Welcome to HF" competition; 19 December, President's Net at 19:00; 9 April 2005 SARL AGM.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 700, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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